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Other services available include special e-waste pickups and a sharps disposal program, both at a minimal cost. The monthly cost for residents under the new contract is lower.

Comments or questions about the city's refuse service can be directed to Public Works Department by calling (310) 378-0383 or Athens Customer Service by calling (888) 336-6100.

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Donors still needed

After the completion of the Malaga Cove School renovation two years ago, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District did not have the funds for landscaping the school's ground. The Malaga Cove Homeowners Association, led by board member John Phillips, began a private fundraising effort for landscaping.

Phillips reached out to school staff, the Palos Verdes Homes Association, the Palos Verdes Police Association, a local soccer club that uses the fields, local businesses and Realtors, politicians, contractors and others. Phillips

and the MCHA raised a total of \$35,000. The landscaping, designed by landscape architect Miriam Rainville, features native drought-tolerant plants and succulents, a seat wall built out of PV Stone and a tiled sundial. However, the landscaping is still incomplete, and further donations are being sought.

With additional funds the hope is to finish the landscaping along the school buildings on Via Almar. Donors can write their tax-deductible check to PVPUSD (write "Malaga Cove School Landscaping" in the memo line) and mail it to MCHA at P.O. Box 926, PVE, CA 90274.

Later this summer, the MCHA will host a reception in the garden to honor the donors.

Griffin replaces Liberti

The Board of Education approved the appointment of Martin Griffin as chief academic officer for the PVPUSD on June 28. Griffin replaces Susan Liberti, who left the district following the completion of the school year. Liberti was the district's deputy superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

Local Rotarians receive Golden Spike Awards

Angi Ma Wong, Rotary District 5280 past senior assistant governor and past president of Palos Verdes Sunset Rotary Club, and Tim K. Siu, past district governor of Rotary District 5300, recently received the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. Both Wong and Siu were honored as Community Leaders Making a Difference for their many decades of volunteerism in the greater Los Angeles area. The two awardees also received commendations from Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, and certificates from U.S. Congresswomen Judy Chu and Lucille Roybal-Allard, the California Senate and Assembly, and the cities of San Marino and Monterey Park.

Wong is a multiple award-winning author of 27 titles including her best-selling "Feng Shui Dos and Taboos" series, two about Reggie the L.A. gator and "A Survivor's Secrets to Health and Happiness," a four-category Mom's Choice winner. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and the



Rotarians Tim K. Siu, of San Marino, left, and Angi Ma Wong, of Palos Verdes, right, recently received commendations from Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, center.

founder and first president of Chi Delta Alpha, the first and only women's service sorority at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which celebrated its 45th anniversary in February.

Wong is a longtime Peninsula resident and entrepreneur who is an intercultural and feng shui consultant, corporate trainer and publisher, lifelong community volunteer and charter member and two-time president of the CHSSC.



both their community and industry. F&M branch managers selected individuals who have demonstrated influential leadership and a passion for serving the communities in which they live and work.

After surviving the Holocaust, George Mayer flourished as a businesswoman, and together with his wife, Barbara, they are dedicated philanthropists and community leaders.

Other honorees included Rusty Deeble, of Bixby Knolls; Ted Porter, of Torrance; Justin Rudd, of Belmont Shore; Ginny Baxter, of Lakewood; Bill and Virgie Barnes, of Los Altos; Donald Chung, of Memorial; Ken Buck, of East Long Beach; and Daryl Phillips, of Long Beach.

"We are privileged to serve a diverse community of dedicated civic leaders and philanthropists every day at F&M," said Daniel K. Walker, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of F&M. "It is truly an honor to recognize these inspirational individuals and pay tribute to their personal commitments to bettering our community."

Ocean-safe car wash discounts available

West Basin Municipal

Water District has begun an ocean-safe car wash program that encourages drivers to use commercial car wash facilities that recirculate water. This program was created for the dual purposes of rewarding customers who are saving water and reducing runoff while promoting businesses that recycle water.

Participating car washes thus far include Hermosa Beach Hand Car Wash, The Bubble Machine Car Wash in Culver City and Gardena Car Wash, whose discount coupons are available for download at [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org).

Washing a car in front of one's home using a hose and a bucket can take up to 100 gallons of drinking water and sends runoff and pollution to local beaches and oceans. According to International Car Wash Association studies, full-service car washes nationwide use an average of 15 to 45 gallons of water per vehicle, or 55 to 85 percent less than the amount of water used to wash a car at home. The surveys looked at full service car washes as well as self-serve.

"The ocean-safe car wash program is a tool for local car washes to market themselves as environmentally responsible

businesses," said Donald L. Dear, West Basin board president. "It also allows residents to save money and be more water efficient, reducing runoff and making us less dependent on imported water."

The ocean-safe car wash program is part of West Basin's Water Reliability 2020 program, with a goal to reduce our dependence on imported water by half by the year 2020. This will be achieved by doubling conservation, doubling water recycling and adding a small amount of desalinated ocean water to West Basin's water supply portfolio. The car wash program will help West Basin move toward increasing conservation from 3 billion gallons saved to 6 billion.

Car washes in the following cities may be eligible to work with West Basin through the Ocean-Safe Car Wash program: Carson, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Redondo Beach, Topanga, Torrance, West Hollywood and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County.

For more information, visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org).

Inaugural women's conference set

Businesses and individuals can purchase tickets now to attend the California Women's Conference, an event endorsing leading women everywhere. The conference takes place Sept. 23 and 24 at the Long Beach Convention Center, promoting its theme, The Women's Economy Starts Here.

The conference offers attendees inspiration, resources, and connections for greater advancements in personal development, business and career ventures, health and wellness, and philanthropic endeavors. Intended for women committed to success, and those seeking to connect and inspire, this year's conference features widely respected thought leaders, talented entertainers, and a marketplace of ideas, exhibits, networking and panel discussions.

The mission of The California Women's Conference is to empower women and provide resources for every aspect of their lives. To learn more and to get information on how to purchase tickets, visit [www.CaliforniaWomensConference.com](http://www.CaliforniaWomensConference.com).

